Sale of Adulterated Petrol

*91. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times", dated the 24th December, 1996, regarding sale of adulterated petrol; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to check adulteration of petrol/diesel and malpractices at retail outlets, steps such as Filter Paper Test, Density test, furfural doping of kerosene, blue dying of kerosene, surprise inspections by mobile laboratories and regular/surprise inspections by field officers of" the oil comp. ies and joint industry teams are taken. Inspections arc conducted by State Government enforcement agencies also.

In proven cases of adulteration/ malpractices, action such as issue of warning letters, imposition of fines, suspension of dealership is taken under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the MS/HSD Control Order. Repeated" violations may lead to termination of the "dealership.

A special month long campaign for checking malpractices/irregularities at retail outlets was conducted from 20-12-1996 to 19-01-1997 in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai and from 26-12-1996 to 25-01-1997 in the rest of the country.

Action was taken against erring dealers/distributors under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Payment of Dues of Royalty on Electricity

*92. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests from some States have been received for payment of dues of royalty on electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of Economy Package for North-Eastern States

*93. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the Prime Minister's Rs. 61 billion package, for the Seven North-Eastern States has started in each State;

(b) if so, the amount allotted to each State;

(c) whether the package is meant for the ongoing works or for new works which could not be taken up due to lack of funds with the State Governments;

(d) whether the funds out of this package can also be used for construction of Police Housing Complex in this region;

(e) whether the funds for this package are to be utilised within the year 1996-97; and

(f) if not, for how long such funds would be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) to (c) Amount allocated to each State for ongoing works/new works in the implementation of Prime Minister's package is as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the State	Est. Cost (Rs. in crore)
1.	Nagaland	266.53
2.	Assam	3549.29
3.	Meghalaya	143.50
4.	Mizoram	650.00
5.	Tripura	656.79
6.	Manipur	737.42
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	127.00
	Total	6130.53

Implementation of the package has since started.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Utilisation of funds has started from 1996-97 and it will continue for the duration of the Projects/ programmes approved.

Feasibility of Using LPG as Automotive Fuel

*94. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether Government have received reprots of the two committees constituted to examine the feasibility of using LPG as automotive fuel in the country;

(b) if so, the details of their findings including the relative technology, equipment design, retrofitting, equipment standardisation, fuel specification, etc.; and

(c) the decision taken by Government on the recommendations of each committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As tne reports have been received only recently, the various recommendations are being studied at present. The recommendations will be examined in consultation with concerned Ministries and organisations.

ससंद सदस्य स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना के कार्यान्वयन में विलम्ब

*95.**श्री रामजीलाल**: क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि संसद सदस्य स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजनाओं हेतु धनराशियों का समय पर आबंटन किए जाने के बावजूद जिला प्रशासन को संसद सदस्यों द्वारा सुझायी गई योजनाओं को क्रियान्वित करने में बहुत समय लग जाता है:

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ जिला कलेक्टरों ने अपनी-अपनी इच्छानुसार भी कुछ योजनाओं पर उपर्युक्त धनराशि खर्च की है: और

(ग) यदि हां,तो इन जिला कलेक्टरों के विरूद्व क्या कार्यवाही की गई है तथा इस स्थिति में सुधार करने के लिए क्या उपाय किए गए हैं ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (डा.योगेन्द्र कुमार अलध): (क) कुछ संसद सदस्य ने सांसद स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना के अन्तर्गत निर्माण कार्यो के कार्यान्वयन की धीमी गति के बारे में शिकायत की हैं।

(ख) और (ग) ऐसे दो मामले कार्यक्रम कार्यान्यवन विभाग की जानकारी में लाए गए हैं जिनमें जिलाधिकारियों ने संबंधित सांसद की अनुशंसा प्राप्त किये बिना ही सांसद स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना के अन्तर्गत निर्माण कार्य प्रारंभ किये थे। उपर्युक्त मसाले को त्वरित उपचारात्मक कार्यवाही के लिए संबंधित राज्य सरकारों के साथ उठाया गया है।

Incentives to Mega Projects

*96. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether different States are providing special incentives to all mega